

Amendments to the Claims

In the Claims:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

Claim 11.(original) A conveyor belt having at least one spliced joint comprising a vulcanizable rubber composition comprising 100 parts by weight of rubber, said rubber comprising from about 1 to about 40 parts by weight of polyoctenamer.

Claim 12.(original) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said vulcanizable rubber composition further comprises at least one additional rubber selected from the group consisting of polychloroprene, poly-epichlorohydrin, polyisobutylene, halogenated-polyisobutylene, natural rubber, polyisoprene, polybutadiene, styrene-butadiene, and blends thereof.

Claim 13.(original) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said vulcanizable rubber composition further comprises at least one additional rubber selected from styrene-butadiene rubber and natural rubber.

Claim 14.(original) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said vulcanizable rubber composition comprises from about 5 to about 30 parts by weight of polyoctenamer.

Claim 15.(original) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 50,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K.

Claim 16.(original) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 75,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K.

Claim 17.(original) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 100,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K.

Claim 18.(new): The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 50,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K, wherein the dynamic adhesion is measured at a frequency of 10 cycles/80 seconds with a minimum load of 6 percent of the static pullout force and a maximum load of 50 percent of the static pullout force.

Claim 19.(new): The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 75,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K, wherein the dynamic adhesion is measured at a frequency of 10 cycles/80 seconds with a minimum load of 6 percent of the static pullout force and a maximum load of 50 percent of the static pullout force.

Claim 20.(new): The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said splice joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 100,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K, wherein the dynamic adhesion is measured at a frequency of 10 cycles/80 seconds with a minimum load of 6 percent of the static pullout force and a maximum load of 50 percent of the static pullout force.